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FORMER STATE EMPLOYEE INDICTED FOR PUBLIC CORRUPTION

PHOENIX, ARIZONA -- The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona, announced today that a federal grand jury at Phoenix, Arizona, returned a 14 count indictment against DAVID ANDREW BAUER, 51, of Glendale, Arizona.

The indictment alleges that BAUER, a former investigator for the Arizona Attorney General's Office, embezzled approximately \$81,000 from the Attorney General's Office. Defendant is to be summoned to Court for an Initial Appearance

The federal indictment charges BAUER with violating 8 counts of Title 18 of the United States Code, Section 1343, Wire Fraud, 5 counts of Title 18 of the United States Code, Section 666, Theft Concerning Programs Receiving Federal Funds, and 1 count of Title 18 of the United States Code, Section 1957, Money Laundering.

A conviction for Wire Fraud carries a maximum penalty of 5 years, a \$250,000 fine or both. A conviction for Theft Concerning Programs Receiving Federal Funds and Money Laundering both carry a maximum penalty of 10 years, a \$250,000 fine or both.

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Mr. Charlton stressed that an indictment is simply the method by which a person is charged with criminal activity and raises no inference of guilt. An individual is presumed innocent until competent

evidence is presented to a jury that establishes guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

The investigation preceding the indictment was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation with the full cooperation of Attorney General's Office.

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The prosecution is being handled by the United States Attorney's Office, District of Arizona,

Phoenix, Arizona.

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